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"If two of you shall agree on earth as touching anything that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of My FATHER Which is in heaven."—*S. Matthew*, XVIII, 19.

"Shall not GOD avenge His own elect, which cry day and night unto Him, though He bear long with them?

"I tell you that He will avenge them speedily."—S. *Luke*, XVIII. 7,8.

S. Andrew's Day.
Friday, November 30.

General Intercession for Missions.

"Ask of Me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession."—*Psalm* II. 8.

O ALMIGHTY GOD, Whose dearly beloved SON, after His resurrection from the dead, did send His Apostles into all the world to preach the gospel to every creature; hear us, we beseech Thee, O LORD, and look upon the fields now white unto harvest; bless those labouring for Thee in distant lands, and prosper Thou their handiwork; send forth more labourers into Thy harvest to gather fruit unto life eternal; and grant us grace to labour with them in prayers and offerings, that we, together with them, may rejoice before Thee: through JESUS CHRIST our LORD. Amen.

Read *Psalm* LXXII. 8-12. *Isaiah*, LII. 14, 15. *Isaiah*, LXV. 1. *Malachi*, I. 11.

Hymn: *Church Hymns*, No. 294. *Hymns A. and M.*, No. 359.

Saturday, December 1.

The divisions in Christendom one great obstacle of Missionary Work.

"O pray for the peace of Jerusalem."—*Psalm* CXXII. 6.

O MERCIFUL GOD, since Thou hast ordained us to live in these times, in which the rents of Thy Church are grievous, we humbly beseech Thee so to guide us, that the divisions of men may not separate us either from Thee or from it; that we may ever labour for the preservation of truth and peace; that where through our sins the peace of it succeeds not, Thou wilt yet accept our will for the deed, that we may still pray even while Thou grantest not, because we know Thou wilt grant it when Thou seest fit. In the meantime, bless, we beseech Thee, this Church in which we live, that in it we may honour and serve Thee all the days of our life, and after this be glorified by Thee, through JESUS CHRIST our LORD. Amen.

Read *Psalm* CXXXIII. *S. John*, XVII. 20-24. *S. John*, XIX. 23. *Ephesians*, IV. 3-7.

Hymn: *Church Hymns*, No. 448. *Hymns A. and M.*, No. 208.

First Sunday in Advent.
December 2.

The Hastening of CHRIST'S Kingdom.

"Surely I come quickly; Amen. Even so, come, LORD JESUS."—*Revelation*, XXII. 20.

O GOD, Who callest us from this mortal estate to dwell with Thee in the life everlasting; mercifully hasten the perfection of Thy Church, that the wicked one may no longer oppress those whom Thy blessed SON has redeemed, and that we, being set at liberty, may quickly partake of the salvation ready to be revealed in the last time: through the same JESUS CHRIST our LORD. Amen.

Read *Hebrews*, X. 37. II *S. Peter*, III. 8-15. *Revelation*, VI. 9-12.

Hymn: *Church Hymns, No.* 292. *Hymns A. and M., No.* 362.

Monday, December 3.

The Increase of the Ministry.

"Pray ye therefore the LORD of the harvest, that HE will send forth labourers into His harvest."—*S. Matthew*, IX. 38.

O ALMIGHTY GOD, Who hast in Thy Holy Church committed to the hands of men the ministry of reconciliation, to gather together a great flock in all parts of the world, to the eternal praise of Thy Holy Name; we humbly beseech Thee that Thou wilt put it into the hearts of many faithful men to seek this sacred ministry, appointed for the salvation of mankind; that so Thy Church may rejoice in a due supply of true and faithful Pastors, and the bounds of Thy blessed kingdom be enlarged: through JESUS CHRIST our LORD. Amen.

Read *Jeremiah*, III. 12-16. *Jeremiah*, XXXIII. 22. *Acts*, XIII. 1-3.

Hymn: *Church Hymns*, No. 255. *Hymns A. and M.*, No. 354.

Tuesday, December 4.

The Sanctification of the Ministry.

"He shall purify the sons of Levi, ... that they may offer unto the LORD an offering in righteousness."—*Malachi*, III. 3.

O LORD, Who delightest to effect by grace what the weakness of our nature cannot attain to, illuminate the stewards of Thy mysteries with Thy indwelling purity, that in the work of the Ministry their word may go forth as fire to consume the evil, to melt the stony-hearted, to purify the unclean, to enlighten the ignorant, and to quicken the dead; through JESUS CHRIST our LORD. Amen.

Read *S. Luke*, XII. 35-49. *Ephesians*, VI. 18, 19. I *Thessalonians*, V. 25. I *Timothy*, IV. 14-16.

Hymn: *Church Hymns*, No. 253. *Hymns A. and M.*, No. 355.

Wednesday, December 5.

The Native Ministry in Heathen Lands.

"I will give you Pastors according to Mine heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding."—*Jeremiah* III. 15.

MOST MERCIFUL FATHER, we beseech Thee bless with Thy heavenly grace Thy servants the Bishops and Pastors of Thy flock, who have been gathered into Thy Church from heathen lands. Increase their number more and more. Raise up among converts, everywhere, a native ministry of faithful men to proclaim the Gospel of the Kingdom to their fellow-countrymen. Hasten the day when the heathen shall become the inheritance of Thy SON, and the uttermost parts of the earth His possession. Fulfil, O LORD, this our petition, for the honour of Thy SON, our Advocate and Mediator, JESUS CHRIST. Amen.

Read *Jeremiah*, I. 4-11. *Ezekiel*, II. II *Thessalonians*, III. 1-3.

Hymn: *Church Hymns*, No. 251. *Hymns A. and M.*, No. 353.

Thursday, December 6.

The War in the East, in relation to the extension of CHRIST'S Kingdom.

"This is the word of the LORD unto Zerubbabel, saying, not by might, nor by power, but by My SPIRIT, saith the LORD of HOSTS. Who art thou, O great mountain?"—*Zechariah*, IV. 6, 7.

ALMIGHTY GOD, Who didst rebuke the sins of Christians of old, by delivering the lands of the East into the hand of a strange people; have mercy on all unbelievers, and let the day of Thy power come speedily, when the hearts which now seem most obstinate in error shall be subdued to the Gospel of CHRIST. Send forth Thy SPIRIT, and raise up Thy Church in every country where it lies prostrate in weakness. Restore again the candlestick which Thou hast removed, and cause it to burn before Thy presence with so pure a light as may cover the lands which were Thy heritage of old, and may penetrate everywhere among the people who now sit in the dark shadows of Islam. Hear us, O FATHER, and glorify among Moslems the Name of Thine only-begotten SON, to Whom, with Thee and the HOLY GHOST, be ascribed all honour and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Read *Isaiah*, II. 2-5.

Friday, December 7.

The Jews.

"Hath GOD cast away His people? GOD forbid."—*Romans*, XI. 1.

O LORD GOD of Israel, Who hast not cast away Thy people, make known in them, as vessels of mercy, the riches of Thy glory. Let the children of Israel return and seek the LORD: yea, let them fear the LORD and his goodness in this latter day. Let them acknowledge their offence, and seek Thy face. Let them seek their GOD continually and cry unto Thee, our GOD, we know Thee. May they sow in righteousness, and reap in mercy. O LORD, let Thine anger be turned away from them; heal, LORD, their backsliding. O LORD, love them freely. O LORD, gather their outcasts. Be, LORD, as the dew unto Israel; let him revive as the corn, and grow as the vine; give him rest from his sorrow. Let the vail be taken away from his heart in CHRIST; let it turn unto the LORD, and the REDEEMER come to Zion, and all Israel be saved in the LORD with an everlasting salvation: for JESUS CHRIST'S sake. Amen.

Read *Isaiah*, LXII. 1-8. *Romans*, XI.

Hymn: *Church Hymns*, No. 296.

Thanksgiving

For the knowledge and progress of the Gospel of the Kingdom.

To be used daily in private and household devotions.

THOU art worthy, O LORD, to receive power,
And riches, and wisdom, and strength,
And honour, and glory, and blessing.
Blessed be Thy glorious Name,
That Thy word has sounded forth,
Not only in Jerusalem, and Antioch,
In Athens, and in Rome,
But in every place the faith of CHRIST
Is spread abroad.

All glory be to Thee.

For Thy good soldiers in every age,
Striving lawfully, enduring unto the end,
For the wisdom of doctors,
The zeal of evangelists,
The eloquence of prophets,
The love of pastors,
For the praise of babes, the ministry of women,
The purity of the young, the fervour of the aged,
For all the signs of Thy presence,
All the marks of Thy Cross.

All glory be to Thee.

For the light of Thy everlasting Gospel,
Sent to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people.
Shining so long amongst ourselves,
For Thy Church, the pillar and ground of the truth,
Against which the gates of hell have not prevailed;
For Thy gracious word of promise,
That they that be wise shall shine
As the brightness of the firmament,
And they that turn many to righteousness
As the stars for ever and ever,

All praise, all glory be unto Thee.

The LORD is gracious and merciful,
Long suffering, and of great goodness.
The LORD is loving unto every man,
And His mercy is over all His works.
All Thy works praise Thee, O LORD,
And Thy saints give thanks unto Thee.
They show the glory of Thy kingdom,
And talk of Thy power,
That Thy power, Thy glory, and mightiness of Thy kingdom.
Might be known unto men:
Thy kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
And Thy dominion endureth throughout all ages.

All glory be to Thee.

Great and marvellous are Thy works,
LORD GOD ALMIGHTY;
Just and true are Thy ways,
Thou King of saints.
Who shall not fear Thee, O LORD, and glorify Thy Name?
For Thou only art holy;
For all nations shall come and worship before Thee;
For Thy judgments are made manifest.

All glory be to Thee.

After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude,
Which no man could number,
Of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues,
Stood before the throne, and before the Lamb,
Clothed with white robes,
And palms in their hands;
And cried with a loud voice, saying,
Salvation to our GOD, Which sitteth upon the throne,
And unto the LAMB,
Hallelujah!
For the LORD GOD OMNIPOTENT reigneth.